

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dean McConnell on August 23, 2010. See the attached Interview Summary.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims (see the amendment filed on June 16, 2010):

In claim 1, line 23: immediately after "in" and immediately before "said (first occurrence)" inserted - - each of - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 20, line 20: immediately after "holes" and immediately before "sized" inserted - - , said aperture - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 20, line 22: immediately before "said (first occurrence)" inserted - - each of - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 28, line 13: immediately after "of" and immediately before "said (first occurrence)" inserted - - each of - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 36, line 7: immediately after "axis" deleted "for receiving" and inserted instead - - , said aperture sized and configured to receive - - and further in the same line immediately after "portion" and immediately before "at" inserted - - and - - to better define applicant's invention.

In claim 36, line 8: immediately before "pair" deleted "a (third occurrence)" and inserted instead - - each of said - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 36, line 9: immediately after "in" and immediately before "said" inserted - - each of - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 59, line 9: immediately after "holes" deleted "for receiving" and inserted instead - - , said aperture sized and configured to receive - - to better define applicant's invention.

In claim 59, line 10: immediately after "portion" and immediately before "configured" inserted - - , said tapered portion of said washer - - to better define applicant's invention.

In claim 81, line 10: immediately after "openings" and immediately before "sized" inserted - - , said aperture - - to better define applicant's invention.

In claim 81, line 12: immediately after "in" and immediately before "said (second occurrence)" inserted - - each of - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 89, line 9: immediately after "holes" and immediately before "configured" inserted - - , said aperture sized and - - to better define applicant's invention.

In claim 89, line 10: immediately after "of" and immediately before "said (first occurrence)" inserted - - each of - - to correct a minor typographical error.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anu Ramana whose telephone number is (571) 272-4718. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Barrett can be reached at (571) 272-4746. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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